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SUBJECT: PRC INTEREST IN UK HARRIER/ARMS SALES

AS MOD INFORMED US, MULLEY TOOK THE PREDICTABLE LINE
IN COMMONS ON 23 MAY IN REPLY TO A QUESTION ABOUT UK
SALES OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO THE PRC. HE SAID THAT
NO DECISION BY HMG HAD BEEN TAKEN AND NONE WOULD BE
WITHOUT TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE USUAL POLITICAL,
STRATEGIC AND ECONOMIC CRITERIA AND THE UK'S INTERNA-
TIONAL OBLIGATIONS. MULLEY, IN REPLY TO A QUESTION
WHETHER THE USG HAS "WITHDRAWN ANY OBJECTION IT MAY
HAVE HAD" VIS-A-VIS THE POSSIBLE SALE OF HARRIER V/STOL
AIRCRAFT TO THE PRC, REPLIED THAT HMG "HAVE NOT GONE
THROUGH THE COCOM PROCEDURE" SINCE THAT PROCEDURE CAN
ONLY BE PUT INTO OPERATION "WHEN THERE IS A FIRM PRO-
POSITION TO BE CONSIDERED." MULLEY PREVIOUSLY HAD
ALREADY TOLD THE HOUSE THAT THERE ARE "NO FIRM
INDICATIONS" AS TO WHAT EQUIPMENT IS "LIKELY TO BE
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